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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace Paragraph [0019] with the following amended paragraph.

[0019] As shown in Figure 2, the rotor 44 is provided two types of chopper blades, a paddle <u>blades blade 60</u> and a straight <u>blades blade 62</u>. The straight blades 62 are relatively conventional in design and are provided with sharpened leading and trailing edges and a mounting assembly so they can be pendulously mounted on the mounting locations. The reason that the straight blades 62 have cutting edges on both the leading and trailing edges is so that they can be reversed if the original leading edge becomes too dull. <u>The paddle blades of the illustrated rotor 44 comprise left handed paddle blades 60a and right handed paddle blades 60b.</u>

Please replace Paragraph [0020] with the following amended paragraph.

[0020] The <u>left handed and right handed</u> paddle blades <u>60a and 60b</u> <u>60</u> comprise a blade 70 having a leading edge 72, a trailing edge 74, a first end 76 and a second end 78. The first end 76 is provided with a mounting assembly 80, comprising a mounting hole. This mounting assembly 80 allows the blade to be pendulously mounted to the mounting locations 46 located on the rotor 44. The second end 78 of the blade 70 is provided with a tip 82. The leading edge 72 is provided with a sharpened cutting edge 84 that extends from the tip 82 towards the first end 76. Adjacent the first end 76 of the blade 70 is a paddle 86 extending at an angle from the plane of the blade 70. As shown in the figures, this paddle 86 extends in a perpendicular direction from the blade